

Appln No. 10/037,414
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Reply to Office action of August 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Currently pending are claims 3-7, 10-12, 14, and 19-57. Applicant is in receipt of the final Office action of August 30, 2004, which indicated that claims 3-7, 19, 28, 30, 31, 35-41 are allowed and that claims 10-14, 29, 32-34 and 42-44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under Section 112, 2nd paragraph. The final Office action also indicated that the drawings submitted on August 3, 2004 are accepted.

Applicant is most appreciative of the detailed comments set forth in the final Office action and has cancelled claim 13 and amended claims 5-7, 10, 14, 19, 28, 29, 32-36, 42-44 and 57 to advance the examination of this application.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance. If there are any remaining issues, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

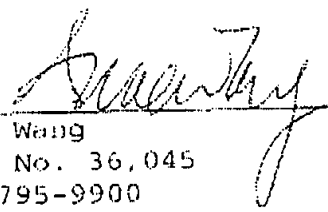
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

As for the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, they are only warranted in instances which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." In the present case, applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily

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agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance, although
applicant agrees that the claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,
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